

REMARKS

In the amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include, among others, the features of claim 29, and claim 29 has been cancelled. Claims 13, 21 and 31-46 have also been cancelled.

Amended claim 1 includes the feature of the 'tongue lock' and specifies that actuation of the tongue lock to release the tongue precedes operation of the actuator to move the tongue. Amended claim 1 also more clearly describes the actuator and the structural interconnection between the actuator and the tongue.

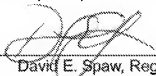
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. HON-15052.

Respectfully submitted,

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